

Dual Status (CHIPS and Delinquent Youth) in ND Human Service Zone Custody
High Level Summary
Point in Time as of 4/1/2025

Number of Dual Status Youth (CHIPS and Delinquent) in Human Service Zone Custody

50 youth

Competent (Y/N)

Yes 5 known incompetent youth currently served at the zone-level
No 45 remaining youth are considered competent

Delinquent

Pre-CHIPS 44 charges
Post-CHIPS 131 charges
Unknown at this time 31 charges

Charges

See additional spreadsheet for listing of charges
50 youth have a combined total of 224 charges
18 of the charges were unspecified
41 different types of charges were noted
Many youth have multiple charges
Average is 4.5 charges per youth

Number reported on Formal Probation

4

Number reported referred to Drug Court

0

Identified Gaps

Youth Substance Abuse Treatment Services in Communities

Dual Status Youth Protocols - alignment to engage both child welfare and Juvenile Court to address delinquency behavior

Information sharing - inconsistency around court risk assessments, competency determinations, etc.

Judicial response and process to youth with delinquent behaviors who are not responsive to probation

Level of Intrusion - Parental rights and child best interest

DD division role in placement, treatment, services to dual systems youth and continuum of care

Youth involved with law enforcement and undergoes field assessment - zones do not have input in the 1-year look back review that is used to assess even if zone is legal custodian
Access to placement options that meet the needs of delinquent youth with trained providers and safe settings

The fit of therapeutic and community foster homes in the overall service provision to this population of youth. Necessary training, specialization, etc. needed

Need for stabilizing placements and expectations at therapeutic levels without premature disruption or discharge for the same reason the child was placed

Practice model and case manager training to provide quality case management services

Severe lack of common definitions and practice guidelines between systems (child welfare, Juvenile Court, legal, provider, etc.)

What is the role of state owned and operated facilities in serving high needs population groups (state hospital, Ruth Meiers, Youth Correctional Center, etc.)?

Licensing expectations and consequences for PRTP and Q RTP compliance and service delivery that meets the need of the target populations